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report on an NCO school for women of the Czechoslovak Air Force at Zamberk (N 50-06, E 16-28). The report includes a sketch showing the location of the school. 25X1

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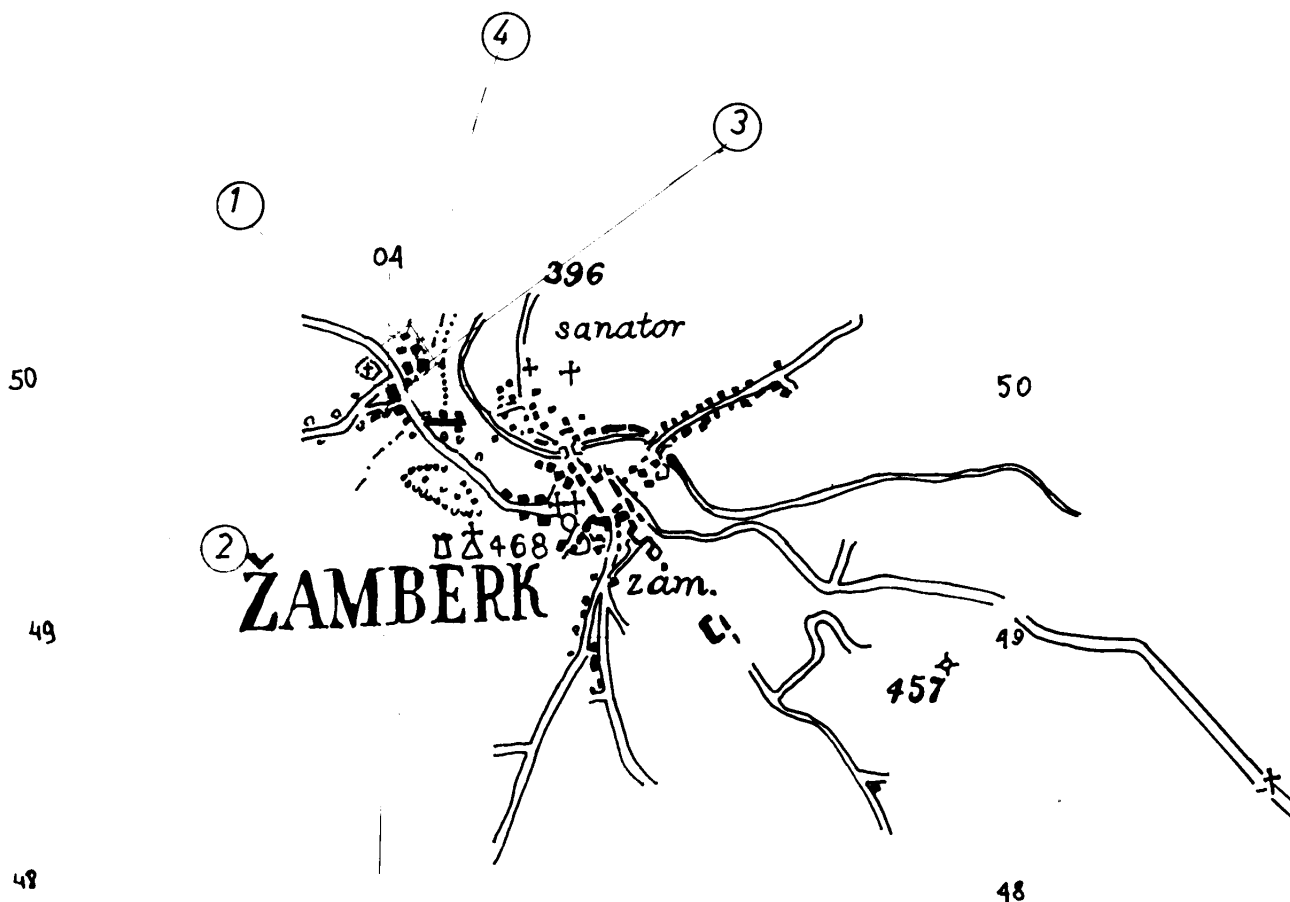
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1. The school for women Air Force NCOs is in a Barracks building known as the Podorlicka Kasarna, built before 1938. The School moved into the Barracks in about 1953.
2. Location: The school is on the north-west edge of Zamberk, at the cross-roads of the Helvikovice and Podpluzi roads on the east side of the Zamberk-Helvikovice road. There is a cemetery on the west side of the road.
3.
 - a) The course lasts one year, and always begins on 1st September.
 - b) The strength is estimated to be about up to a regiment, i.e. 600-700 women.
 - c) The course is intended for ground staff and flying personnel. After the examinations, candidates suitable for flying and navigating are chosen.
 - d) During 1953-4 and 1955 those attending the school wore blue air force uniforms with blue epaulettes with black borders and a wing badge.
 - e) In addition to those attending the NCOs school, during 1954-55, small groups of those attending Air Force Academy were seen in blue uniforms with silver borders and a silver "V". There were also first-year male academicians in khaki uniform, with blue facings, and wearing peaked caps, probably belonged to the technical branch. The number of students, male and female did not exceed 30.
 - f) About July 1955, some NCOs who formerly wore blue uniform were seen in khaki uniform with blue facings.
 - g) From September until about Christmas, there was a detachment of male guards doing duty at the school. After this, the NCOs carry out the guard duties themselves.

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Layout of the barracks:

The Barracks are oblong, extending about 100 meters along the road.

1. Fence, metal posts on a concrete base.
2. Entrance, on the south-west corner.
3. Two-storeyed buildings, two, on the South side of the Barracks, about 40-50 meters long, housing-billets.
4. Row of classrooms and garages on the north and east sides of the Barracks, the garages are ground-floor only, and the classrooms ground-floor and one-storeyed.